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**To:** Murdo, Patricia **Subject:** Board of Nursing

I am writing to support the Board of Nursing as an independent regulatory board. The health and safety of the public is at the core of board's work. Because effective nursing practice is an essential for public safety, nurses are essential to provide the appropriate application of regulations with regards to nursing practice. The general public and other professions do not understand the scope of nursing practice and do not have the expertise to oversee the profession in a regulatory sense. It would be a gross insult to public safety and to the health care industry in Montana to clump the Board of Nursing into another department, another board, or another regulatory system in Helena. Sincerely,

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